Dear Parents,

The children have settled quickly back into school for the new term with many tales of their holiday adventures.

Working Bee
The first working bee for 2015 will be held this Saturday from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Tasks to be completed this week include repairs to damage to the school veggie garden area sustained through an unfortunate vandalism episode during the holiday period, as well as general tidying and maintenance. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, an announcement will be posted on the school website prior to 10:00am.

Families who have elected not to pay the working bee levy are reminded of the expectation that they will attend at least one working bee during the year. Other working bee dates for 2015 are shown further on in the newsletter.

2014 Annual Report to the School Community
The Annual Report to the School Community 2014 was presented and discussed at last night’s School Council meeting. Highlights of the report include the continuing consistent high levels of academic achievement of our students; pleasing levels of satisfaction amongst staff, students and parents and continual improvement in development of curriculum and programs through the effective partnership between the school and community.

Worthy of note is the level of student absence in our school which indicates student attendance at Glen Iris Primary School is below the median level for Victorian government schools and at the lower end of 60% of Victorian Government schools. Absence from school can impact on students’ learning. An absence rate of 5% of the 200 school days each year, typical at GIPS, results in children missing 10 days school per year. I encourage parents to ensure children attend school whenever possible and only miss school when necessary due to ill health. Hard copies of the Annual Report are available at the Office and it will shortly be available on the website.

Local Building Project
Recently, I have spoken with some parents regarding concerns for pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the building development currently underway on the north-west corner of the Glen Iris Road and High Street intersection. These concerns, in regards to vehicles accessing the site via the laneway at the rear of the project and the physical state of the brick wall that runs along the Glen Iris Rd boundary of the property, have been raised with both Boroondara Council and VicRoads. Boroondara Council have advised that the site has been inspected by the Building Inspector who deems it safe.

The Council will continue to monitor work on the site to ensure community safety. As an added precaution, I suggest children and families crossing High Street at the supervised crossing make a small alteration in their route to school by then crossing Glen Iris Road and continuing the walk to and from school along the east side of Glen Iris Road to the school crossing outside the school.

Compass – Student Management Software
We have commenced using Compass for student attendance and reporting this term. Each family has received instructions and login details to provide them with direct access to their children’s personal records. Compass is now open for use to register student absence and to communicate directly with teachers. If your family has not received their login information or requires assistance, please contact the school Office.

Education Week 2015 / Preps 2016
We look forward to celebrating Education Week 2015 with our community in the week May 18 – 22nd. Education Week is an annual event in Victorian government schools to celebrate the many high quality learning opportunities these school provide for students. We invite current families to come to school and join in our Family Learning Night – ICT in the classrooms - Wednesday, May 20th 6:00 – 7:00pm.

There will be a range of learning activities through the school related to the use of technology in the classrooms. Families will be able to move through the school trying out all sorts of learning activities, games and competitions. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Other special events planned during Education Week (May 18 – May 22) to celebrate State Education and to introduce our school to prospective families for 2016. The key dates are:

- **Open Day**: Wed May 20th 9:30 – 10:30am and 2:00 – 3:00pm
- **Prep 2016 Information Night**: Mon May 25th
From the Assistant Principal

Great news! Telstra Kids grants.

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for two $1,200 grants from Telstra. Our first Telstra Kids grant will be used towards the creation of a commemorative 150 year tiled wall outside the Grade 2 rooms that all students will participate in. The $1200 will help purchase tiles, protective glasses, cutting tools. A huge thanks to Shaun Hughes from Telstra, who is a GIPS parent and worked hard to obtain this grant. We can’t wait to see what Michele and the students dream up!

We are also delighted to announce our success in applying for a second $1,200 grant from Telstra. This will fund two projects that relate to our 150th Anniversary. Creation of a 150 Student Time capsule that all students will place a written piece of work in, and the creation of a Memories of GIPS documentary by the Grade 5/6 Enrichment Team. A huge thanks to Brad Joyner from Telstra who is also a GIPS parent, and has ensured that by working to obtain this grant all the projects we wished to fund are now possible.

Thanks also to Carolyn Ryan who is working behind the scenes to source grants for us.

Telstra Kids funds the little things that can make a big difference to kids’ lives, helping kids to play and learn.

Robyn Floyd - Assistant Principal

REMINDER—NEXT MEETING FOR 150TH IS MONDAY 27TH APRIL 6.30PM

150th Anniversary Blog

SPORT NEWS

Students were put through their paces with a tennis clinic first week back at school.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showed some great talent with the racquet!

Thanks to Futures Tennis and Tennis Australia for facilitating the program.

If you would like to book tennis lessons for your son/daughter you can email futurestennis@futurestennis.com.au

Term 2 enrolments open now for the Hot Shots program.

ANZAC Day Service

A special Anzac Service assembly will be held on Friday, April 24th at 2:45pm. In commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Gallipoli this year, I have been reflecting on the history of our school. The fact that we will celebrate the school’s 150th Anniversary is indeed an impressive achievement. Parents are welcome to join the children for the Anzac service.

Prep Enrolments 2016 / Storytime @ Glen Iris

If you have a 2016 Prep child who will be attending Glen Iris or you know of a local family considering schools for next year, I suggest you look carefully at the range of events on offer to help parents find out all about our school and activities for pre-schoolers highlighted on our website. “Storytime @ Glen Iris” is a literacy program for preschools that begins on Friday, May 8th and will be conducted fortnightly. Pre-schoolers are welcome to visit the school with parents on Open Day, May 20th, and visit the prep classrooms and specialist classes. Storytime sessions are limited in numbers and require bookings at the Office. Further details are available at www.gips.vic.edu.au

Enrolments for 2016 are now open.

Yours Sincerely

Meredith Carracher
Welcome back to school, I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday/Easter break.

Firstly, I would like to thank Kylie Carnegie for her time, effort, warm smiles and contribution to the PA in the role as Secretary in Term 1 this year. Although she has resigned from the PA due to competing commitments, she will remain active in the school community as Class Rep to 1MV and as a rep on the 150 Committee. I am delighted that Danielle Czapkni, Mum to Zayd (4B) and Noah Aga (PG) has volunteered her time to take on the role of PA secretary for the remainder of this year, thanks Danielle.

Term 2 will be a busy term for the PA with many events to look forward to:

- **Monday 20th April** – Parent’s Association meeting in GIPS staffroom 7.30pm
- **Tuesday 5th May** will be the **Mother’s Day Stall** from 8:45am to 1.15pm. Volunteers will be needed to help man the stalls so look out for the notices coming home this week. Thanks to Sharon Van Doornum and Pip Young for coordinating.
- **Mother’s Day Event** (to rival the father’s day breakfast!) – pencil in Friday 8th May, time TBA
- **Saturday 13th June** will be the **Trivia Night** our main fundraising and social event this year. Save the date and book the babysitter now!
- **Icy-pole Fridays** – Thanks to Emma Verge there will be no disruption to the availability of icy-poles at this stage-while our new supplier is being sorted.

Thanks to **Kelly Blue, Kate Venter, Carolyn Currie** and **Prep G, 2B, 4B & 5/6K** for their outstanding success with the inaugural **Cake and Produce Stall** at the end of Term 1. The stall raised **$1433.20** which will allow for the purchase of **Apple TVs** so all classrooms can benefit from the technology. Apple TVs have been successfully implemented into the Grade 5/6 classrooms and Library and are used with the interactive whiteboards along with the suite of iPads recently introduced at GIPS to enhance learning in the digital age. Thanks to the school community for supporting this wonderful event, term 2’s stall promises to be even bigger and better!

Jane Lukins - Mum of Emily (4E) and Daniel (2C)
President GIPS PA 2015
jane@lukins.id.au

A very big thank you to you all for supporting the Inaugural Cake & Produce Stall. It was an outstanding success with the fabulous amount of $1433.20 raised, we could not be more thrilled.

- **Prep G, 2B, 4B and 5/6K** were invited to stock, man, set up, sell & pack up this first stall. They did an incredible job. Thank you to everyone who baked and/or contributed produce. A wide variety of goods were beautifully packaged and sold out ridiculously fast. (There are plans for even more stock and more classes to be invited to stock the stall next term).
- A very big thank you to Natalie Jefferson and Kevin Wheeler (Daisy (2B’s) parents, & owners of the gorgeous cafe "Our Kitchen Table") who organised a working bee for the stall. Their team produced 46 tomato chutney’s, made and decorated 180 Easter gingerbread bunnies, made the lemon syrup for lemonade, and also made the beautiful hummus. Well done guys!
- The intention of the cake and produce stall is that the proceeds always go towards purchasing specific items the school and students need. We are very proud to say that the proceeds of the first stall will allow the purchase of Apple TVs for all classrooms. (The 5/6 class-rooms and library have successfully been using Apple TVs with interactive whiteboards and the suite of iPads to enhance learning in the digital age). This is a great result.
- We hope the stall continues to grow as a school community event and fundraiser each term. We are working on some improvements for this term’s stall. Here’s to more successful cake stalls!

With Many Thanks, Kelly Blue, Kate Venter & Carolyn Currie - Cake Stall Coordinators
LAST DAY OF TERM
FREE DRESS DAY

On Friday 27th March we raised $463.45 through donations for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This was a fantastic effort. Thank you very much for your support.

Kind regards
The SRC team

mosaics

As part of the celebrations for the 150th anniversary for Glen Iris PS, all the students will participate in the making of a large mosaic mural. It will be a combined birthday with Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland… The design has evolved from the students drawings of the story, along with significant aspects of their school experiences! In Term 2 all the children will be busy making and glazing their own clay images, cutting and gluing ceramic tiles to complete the masterpiece!
If you’d like to assist with this project, please let me know and join in the fun!
Thanks to Natalie Jefferson for coordinating the collection of precious left over tiles…
Michele Freeland-Small

Community Noticeboard

Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard on the GIPS website!
Camberwell High School
DISCO CONSULERE ALIS

OPEN NIGHT

“Challenging students to extend themselves, push boundaries and excel”

Tuesday 21st April 2015
6.00pm – 8.15pm

Program includes:
- Tours & Exhibitions
- Principal’s Address
- Enrolment Information

9836 0555
www.camhigh.vic.edu.au
Day tours are available - bookings required

The University High School’s SEAL Program, the Acceleration Program, which commenced in 1981, is the longest running and most stable program in Australia. It has become an integral element of the school's culture and community.

Please apply for the Acceleration Program via the link on our school website www.uhs.unt.edu.au
The closing date for applications is Friday May 1st 2015.

The following selection procedures will be used to identify students for the 2016 Year 7 Intake:
1. Test administered by EduTest on Saturday May 9th at 9.00am at The University High School.
2. Interviews with shortlisted applicants and their parents/guardians.

The Acceleration Program at The University High School is designed to:
- Challenge: The subjects studied are sufficiently advanced and delivered at a pace to sustain interest and challenge the learners in the program.
- Offer Breadth and Depth: Students are given the opportunity to undertake a range of subjects across the domain areas and are encouraged to explore special areas of interest to a high level of expertise.
- Provide Complexity: The curriculum reflects the capacity of learners to engage in abstract thinking and conceptualisation to a high level.

For more information visit our school website and join us on our Open Day on Thursday April 30th.

Auburn High School
Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program

For more information about this exciting program for high achieving students, please visit www.aubumhs.vic.edu.au or call 9822 3247.

Melbourne Girls’ College
INFORMATION SESSION & OPEN DAY
for 2016 Enrolments into Year 7

YEAR 7/2016 INFORMATION SESSION
Tuesday 21 April
In the College Lyceum
Daughters’ Surnames A – K: Arrive 7.00 pm - Finish 8.00pm
Daughters’ Surnames L – Z: Arrive 7.45 pm - Finish 8.45pm

OPEN DAY
Wednesday 22 April
9.30am - 2.30pm

Register online by May 1, test to be held on May 9.
Autism Specific

Football Program

Irabina and Auskick have partnered in bringing your child a football program that he/she can be actively involved in.

This program will be staffed by an Auskick coach and two Irabina Staff, and of course this footy program will be no different from any other, so we will have parents involved as well.

Throughout the season when and if the children are ready they will get the opportunity to play on either the MCG or Etihad Stadium at half time.

Training will be held at Irabina Autism Services on Saturday 18th April & Saturday May 2nd (Saturday 25th April no training, Anzac Day). Please use the Jasmine Road entry South Croydon, the car park gate will be open.

From 9th May until 20th June, training will move to Sasses Ave Reserve in Bayswater.

As our intention is to provide outstanding services at Irabina, we will be evaluating the Auskick program, this will involve a phone call from a researcher from Deakin University prior to the program commencing, and at the end of the program.

We will also be completing some basic motor skills measures.

Dates: Starts Saturday morning, April 18th until 20th June
Time: 9.00am—10.30am
Venue: Training will be held at Irabina Autism Services Bayswater, Saturday 18th April & Saturday May 2nd. (Saturday 25th April no training, Anzac day)

From 9th May training will move to Sasses Ave Reserve in Bayswater, and continue there until Saturday the 20th of June, this is the last session & presentation

Cost: $150.00 for the 10 week program ($70.00 per child will go to Auskick)

Enquiries: Or enquiries please contact: Oria Murphy Phone: 9728 1118 or Email: oriam@irabina.com
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Just a reminder all volunteers who work in our school with our children must have current Working with Children Checks as indicated in the policy approved by School Council.

The policy and further information is located on our website.

We have had some situations of parents turning up without these checks and unfortunately being unable to partake in rostered classroom or playground activities, sporting events or excursions.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Just a quick reminder that Glen Iris Primary School is a Nut Aware School and, as such, it is important that parents do not allow their children to bring any product to school that contains nuts of any type. Naturally this includes peanut butter, Nutella, nut health bars and cakes/biscuits that contain nuts. Please inform class teachers of all the ingredients of any food sent to school to share on special occasions. We appreciate your diligence in this matter.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

If you need to take your child from a classroom during school hours:

- Please fill in the Leave Pass Book at the Office.
- Hand the white slip to the teacher when you collect your child.

LATEST NEWSLETTER

Want to receive an alert when our latest newsletter is online? Go to the GIPS website homepage and click on the orange link:

Subscribe to Newsletter.

FAMILY DETAILS

Have any of your family details changed recently? Can’t remember? Don’t worry we all have those moments. Call in to the School Office or give us a ring if you would like to check the information we have on file. If you have changed address, phone numbers, emergency contact details and email addresses - ring, call in to the Office or send a note requesting a “Change of Student Information” form be sent home with your child.

It is very important to keep your details up-to-date.
Kaye, Liz, Kathy and Rose
GIPS Office Staff

HOURS OF SUPERVISION

Please note that students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

GLEN IRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
8.30am until 4.30pm
**PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

If during the day you need to advise the school of your child’s pickup arrangements, please ring the school office at all times.

Please **do not send** this information via email as we cannot guarantee this will always be seen by the office staff or teacher before the afternoon dismissal, and we want the children to be safe and accounted for at all times.

**HEAD LICE**

They’re back…

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human for 10 000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Glen Iris Primary School.

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help fix this problem)
- Head lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance.
- Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the ‘glue’ showed nothing would dissolve it.

The good news…

We know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

**Step 1** Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;

**Step 2** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

**Step 3** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

**Step 4** If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;

**Step 5** If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

**SCHOOL PICKUP**

Just a reminder to all parents when picking up children after school **please do not park in the school car park.**

The disabled car park is specifically reserved for those who need it and everyone else is asked to please park out in the surrounding streets.

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**2015 TERM DATES**

| Term 1 | 30 January to 27 March |
| Term 2 | 13 April to 26 June |
| Term 3 | 13 July to 18 September |
| Term 4 | 5 October to 18 December |

**2016 TERM DATES**

| Term 1 | 27 Jan (teachers) to 24 March |
| Term 2 | 11 April to 24 June |
| Term 3 | 11 July to 16 September |
| Term 4 | 3 October to 20 December |